







reiterations. Mr. Barry inquired how this consolidation will help the unserved. Ms. Brennan explained that when two libraries join together, the unserved residents living between them can be incorporated into the library district as long as people vote accordingly. This legislation would make the process for non-district public libraries wishing to merge much easier by eliminating the step of making it a district library before merging.

**E. Census 2020 and the unserved**

Ms. Brennan announced that RAILS received a \$750,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services to aid with the Census 2020 Count. She pointed out that the Census Count is an important issue for all of us since the results determine federal funds to states and representation in Washington D.C. Historically, libraries have been involved in the census since the public library is where people turn when they need help. It is an online census so people go to libraries to access computers in order to fill it out. Aurora, Joliet and many other libraries are partnering with RAILS to help with the Census this year.

**F. Baker and Taylor Pop Up Library product**

The Pop Up Library is able to be accessed via cell phone and works off a hotspot. The site contains preloaded e-books. The Pop Up Library can be utilized in doctor offices, YMCAs, and other public places to encourage library use among the unserved.

**G. Joliet Public Library project**

Ms. Yanikowski spoke about Little Free Libraries established in unserved areas of Joliet. Ms. Yanikowski explained that the libraries' placements were decided by overlapping a map of unincorporated area with school district area to pinpoint locations that would most likely have children and families wishing to use it. Every institution she spoke to was delighted by the idea of hosting a library. Volunteers fill the libraries and keep them going. Ms. Yanikowski added that the Little Free Libraries are also used to promote Joliet public library programs. The biggest success has been that these books are being taken and people are bringing them back.

**10. Next Steps**

Ms. Brennan concluded that RAILS will continue to analyze the unserved survey and look into temporary cards, children's cards, and different tax formula options for determining the cost of library cards.

**11. Future Meetings and Agenda items**

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.